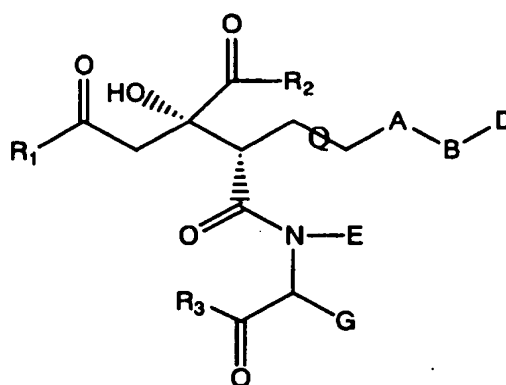


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A method for producing a compound which is for the production of a compound of the formula (I) ~~defined in claim 1,~~



(I)

(wherein A represents $-(CH_2)_n-$, where n represents an integer of 0 to 10;

B represents $-CH_2-$, $-(C=O)-$, $-CH(OH)-$, $-CH(NH_2)-$ or $-C(=NOR)-$, where R represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with an amino group that may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms);

D represents $-(CH_2)_m-R'$, where m represents an integer of 0 to 10, and R' represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkynyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, a heterocyclyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted, a heteroaryl group which may be substituted, an -OX group (where X represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkynyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group which may be substituted) or a halogen atom;

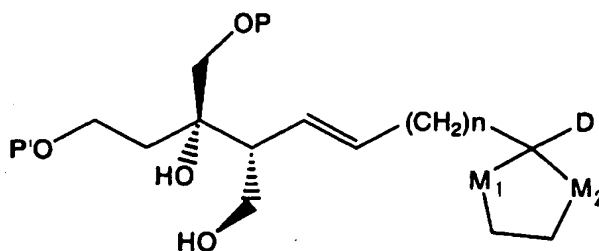
E represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group;

G represents $-(CH_2)_p-J$, where p represents an integer of 0 to 4, and J represents a hydrogen atom, an OH group, a SH group, a methylthio group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an amino group, a guanidino group, a linear or branched alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a linear or branched alkynyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group, an aryl group which may be substituted, a heterocyclyl group which may be substituted, or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted;

bond Q represents a single bond or a double bond; and

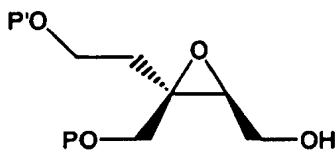
R_1 , R_2 and R_3 may be the same or different, and each represent a hydroxyl group, an amino group (which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms), -OL, a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group or a linear or branched alkynyl group, where L represents a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group or a linear or branched alkynyl group), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof, represented by the following formula:

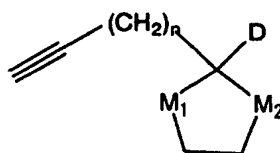


(wherein D and n have the same meanings as defined in claim 1, M_1 and M_2 may be the same or different and each represent an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom, and P and P' may be the same or different and each represent a hydroxyl protecting group);

comprising reacting a compound represented by the following formula:



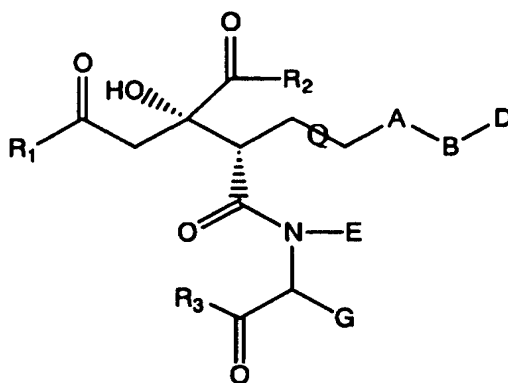
(wherein P and P' have the same meanings as defined above) with a compound represented by the following formula:



(wherein D, n, M₁ and M₂ have the same meanings as defined above).

3-5 (Canceled)

6. (Withdrawn and Currently amended) A compound which is for the production of a compound of formula (I) ~~as defined in Claim 1,~~



(I)

(wherein A represents $-(CH_2)_n-$, where n represents an integer of 0 to 10;

B represents $-CH_2-$, $-(C=O)-$, $-CH(OH)-$, $-CH(NH_2)-$ or $-C(=NOR)-$, where R represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms

(which may be substituted with an amino group that may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms);

D represents $-(CH_2)_m-R'$, where m represents an integer of 0 to 10, and R' represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkynyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, a heterocyclyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted, a heteroaryl group which may be substituted, an -OX group (where X represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkynyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group which may be substituted) or a halogen atom;

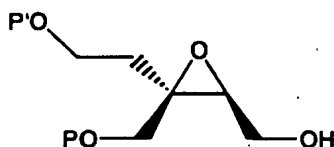
E represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group;

G represents $-(CH_2)_p-J$, where p represents an integer of 0 to 4, and J represents a hydrogen atom, an OH group, a SH group, a methylthio group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an amino group, a guanidino group, a linear or branched alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a linear or branched alkynyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group, an aryl group which may be substituted, a heterocyclyl group which may be substituted, or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted;

bond Q represents a single bond or a double bond; and

R_1 , R_2 and R_3 may be the same or different, and each represent a hydroxyl group, an amino group (which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms), -OL, a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group or a linear or branched alkynyl group, where L represents a linear or branched alkyl group, a linear or branched alkenyl group or a linear or branched alkynyl group), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

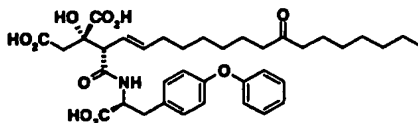
a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, represented by the following formula:



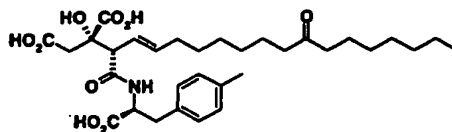
(wherein P and P' may be the same or different and each represent a hydroxyl protecting group).

7-11 (Canceled)

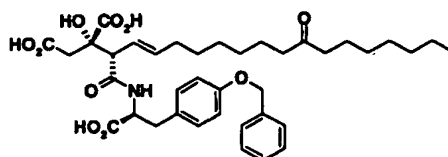
12. (Currently Amended) A compound, a prodrug thereof, ~~and~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which compound is selected from a group consisting of:



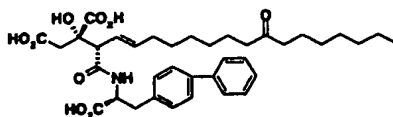
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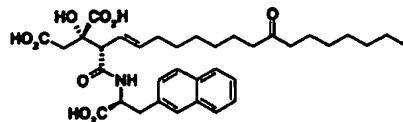
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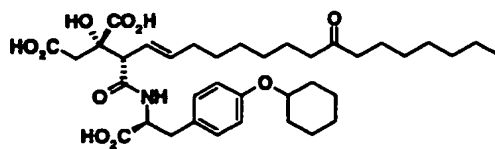
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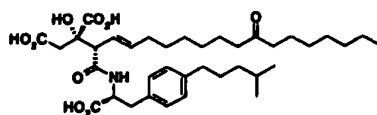
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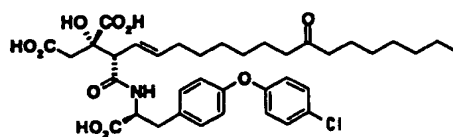
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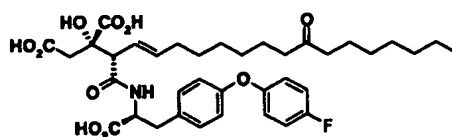
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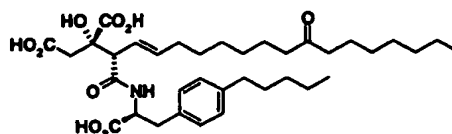
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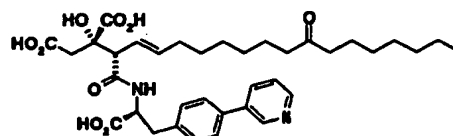
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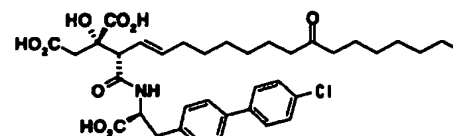
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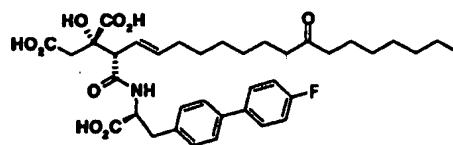
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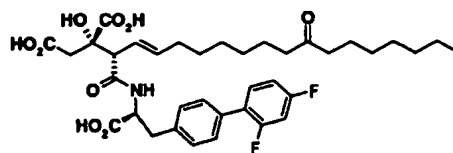
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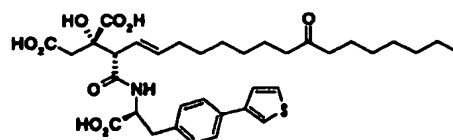
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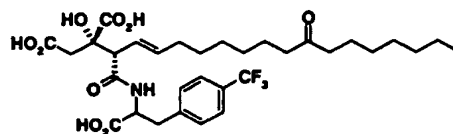
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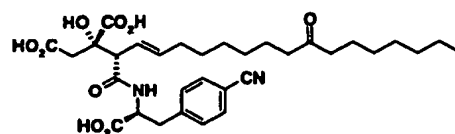
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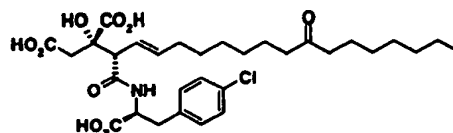
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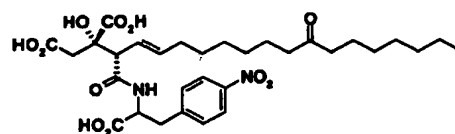
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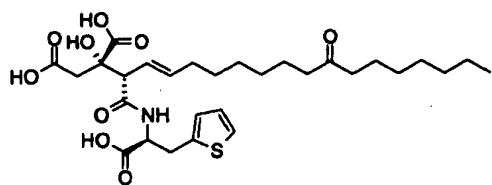
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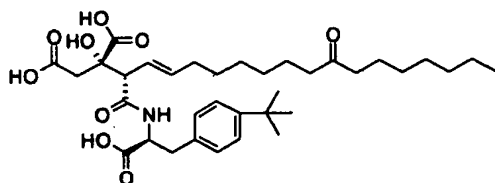
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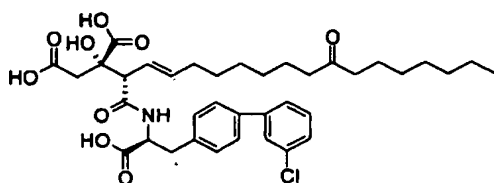
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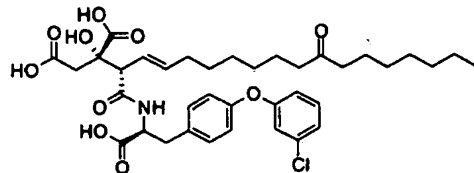
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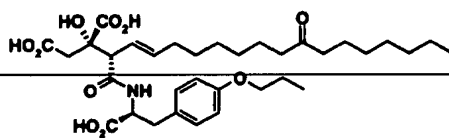
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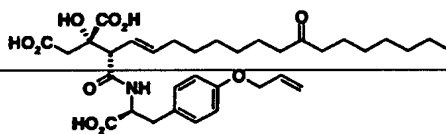
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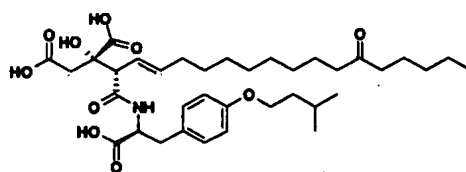
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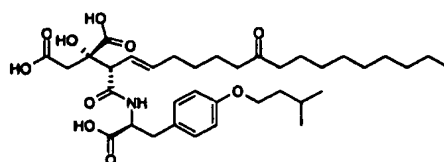
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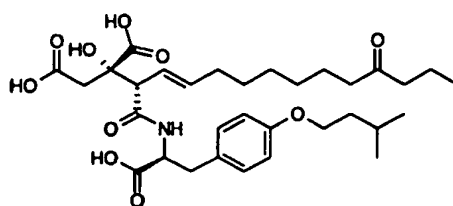
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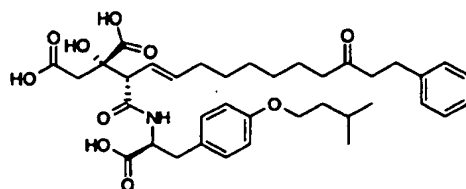
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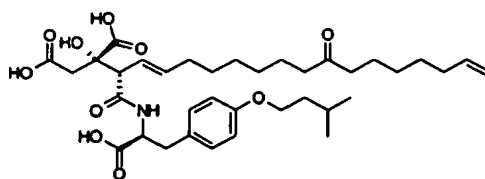
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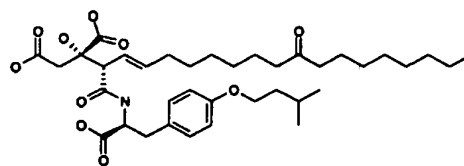
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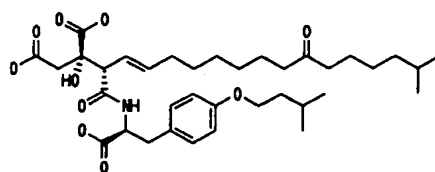
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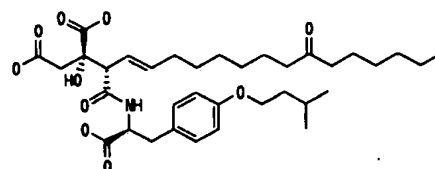
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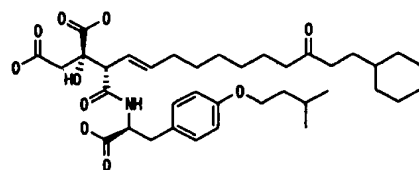
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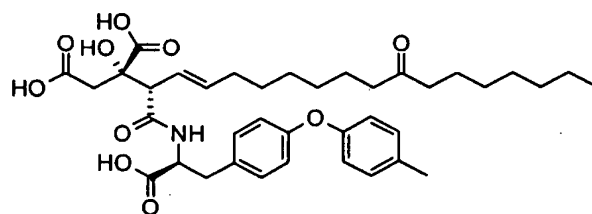
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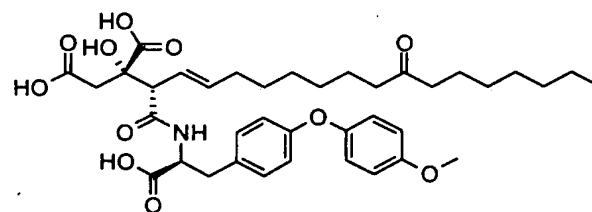
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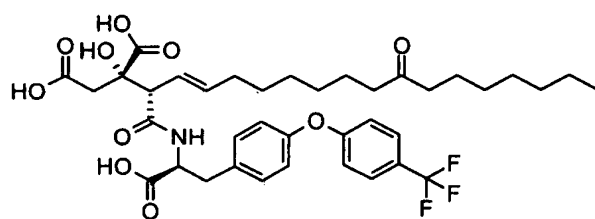
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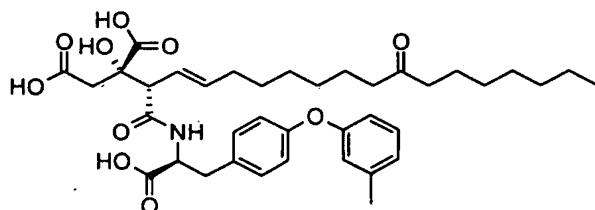
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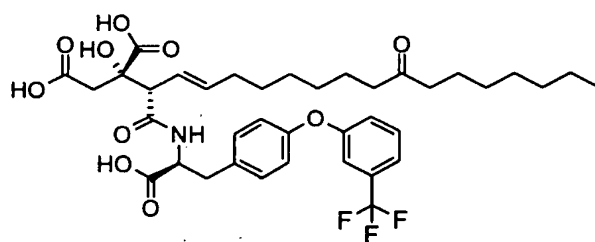
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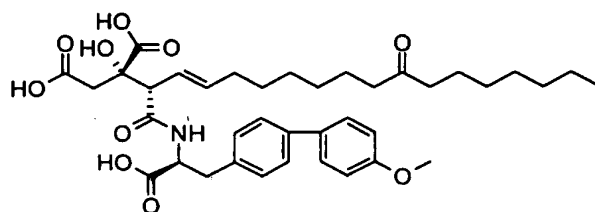
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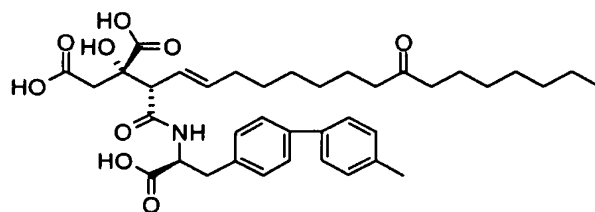
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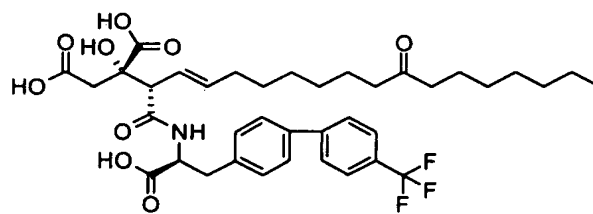
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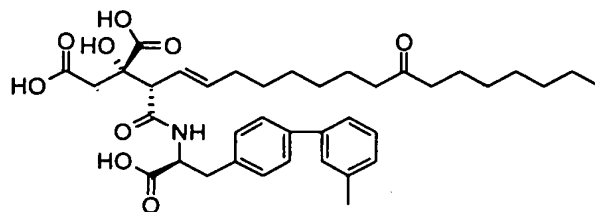
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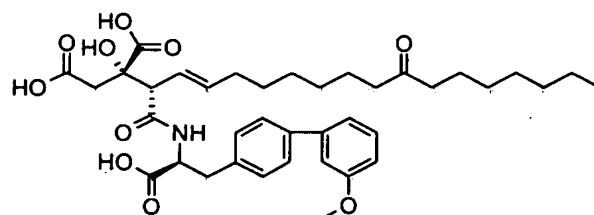
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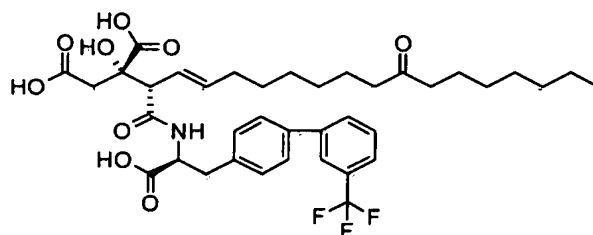
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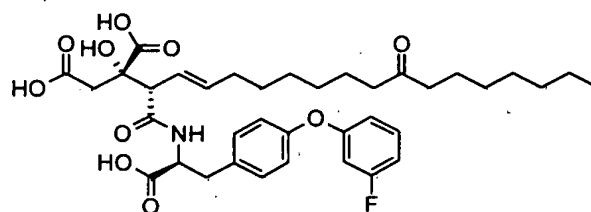
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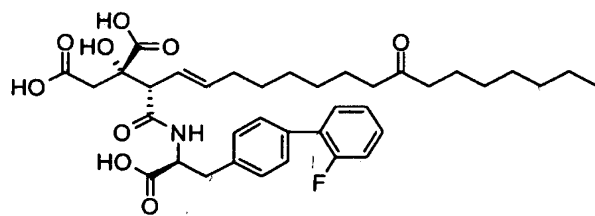
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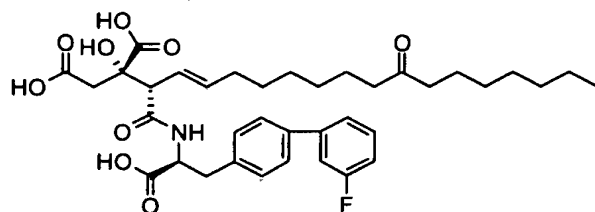
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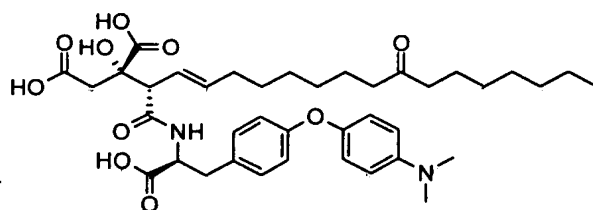
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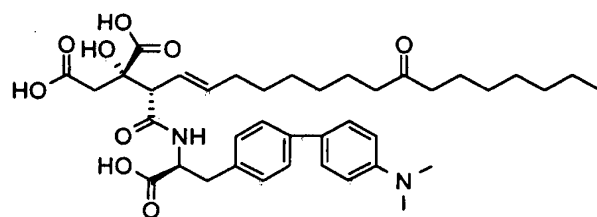
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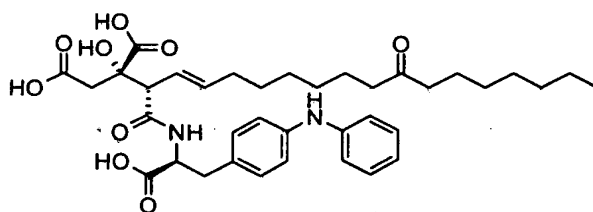
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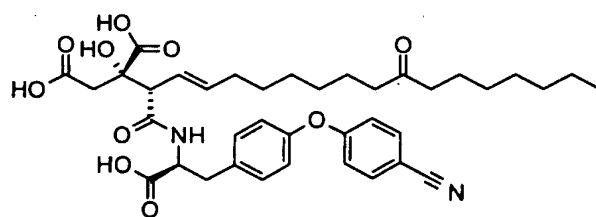
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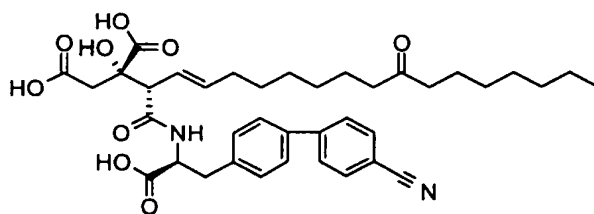
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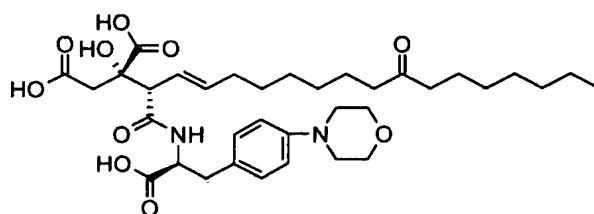
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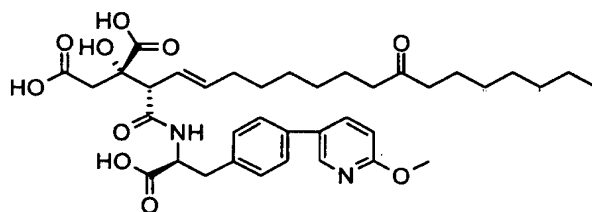
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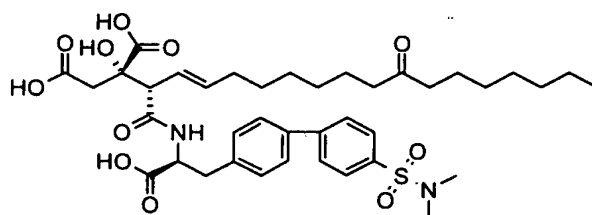
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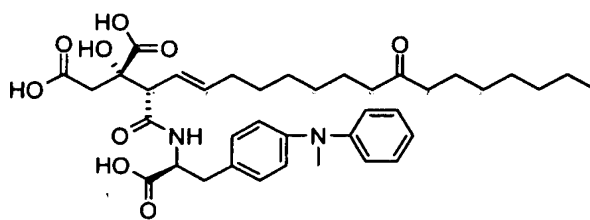
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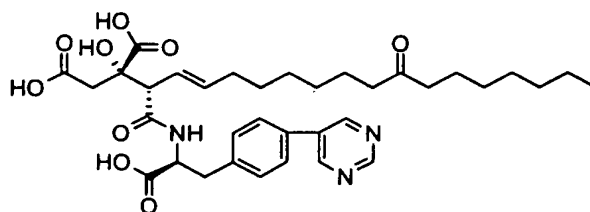
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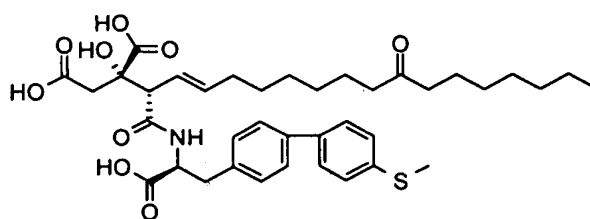
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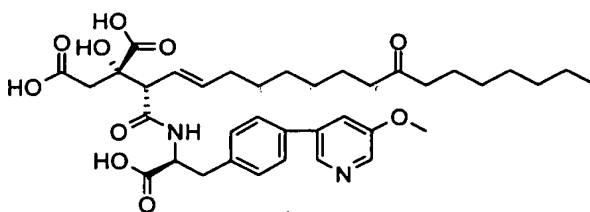
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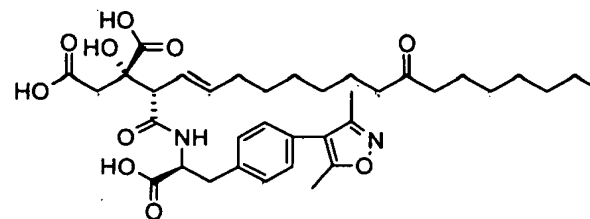
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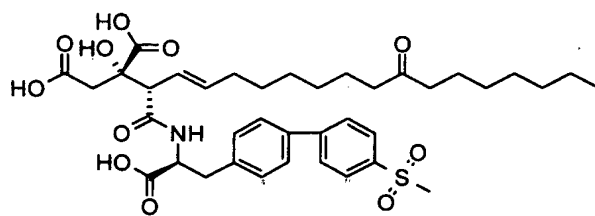
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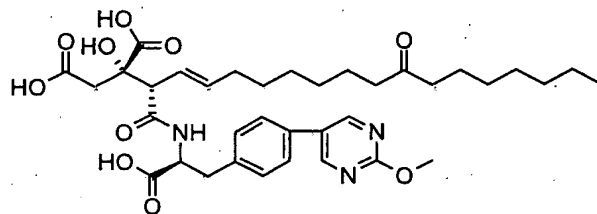
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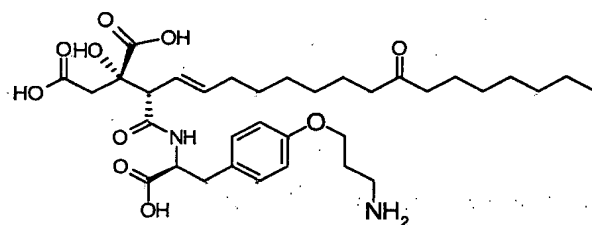
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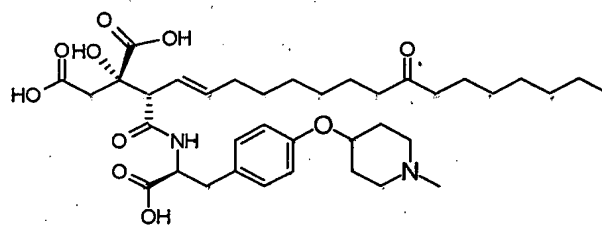
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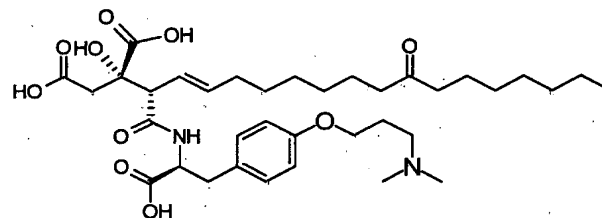
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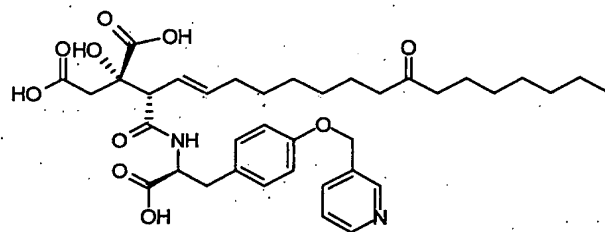
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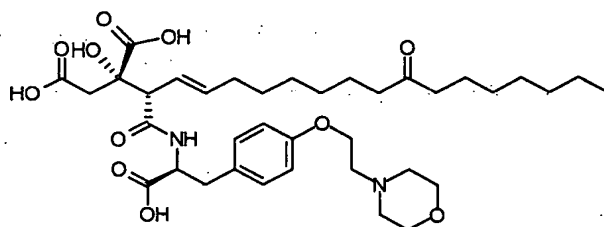
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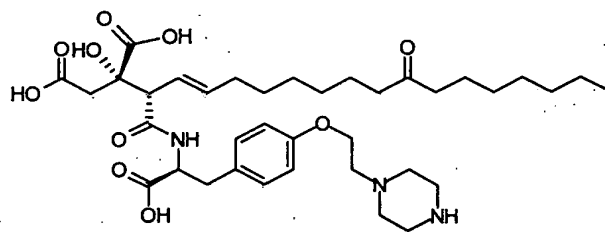
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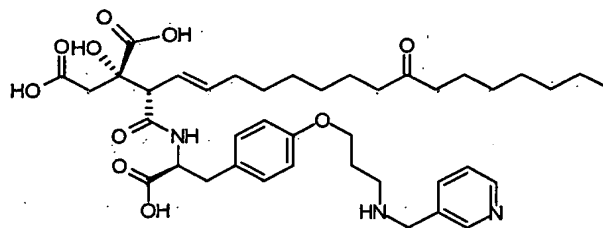
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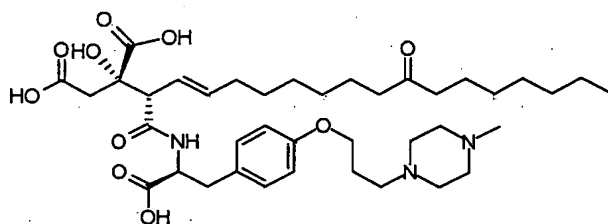
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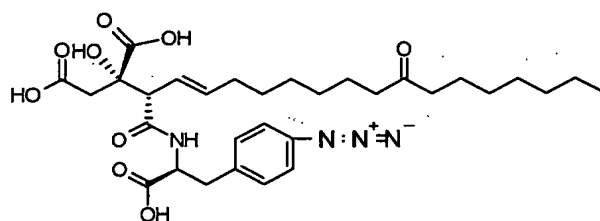
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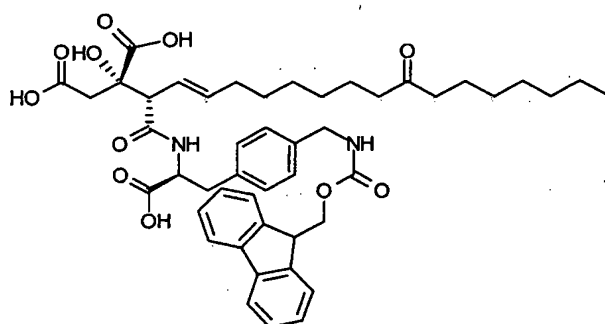
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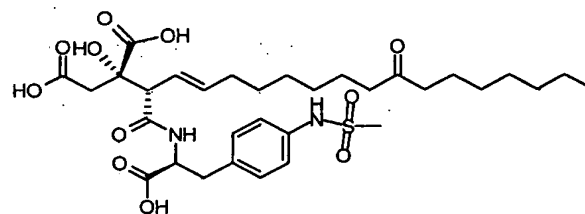
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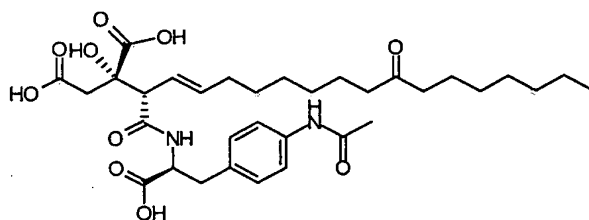
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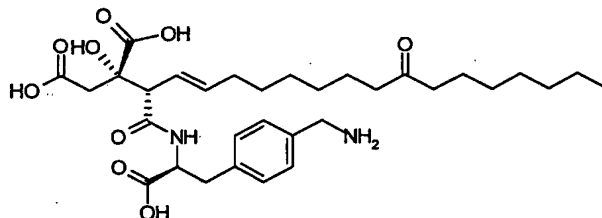
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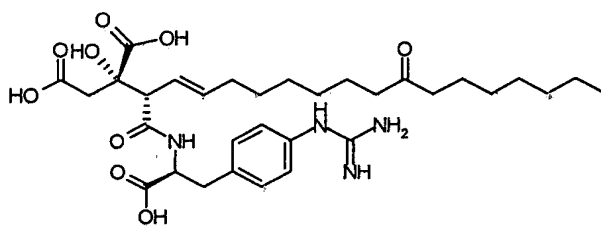
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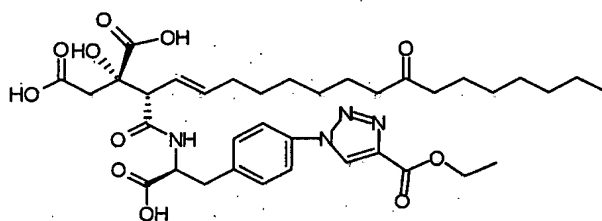
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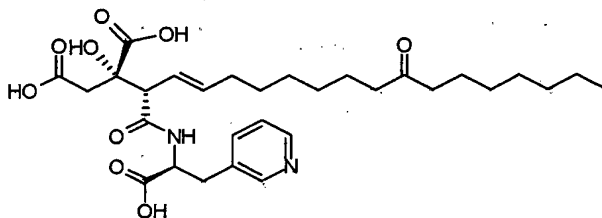
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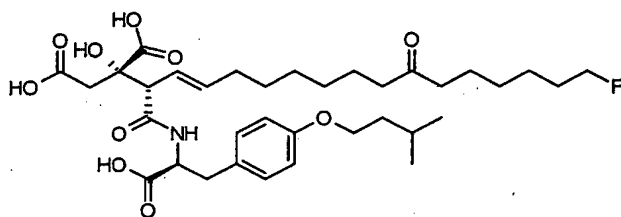
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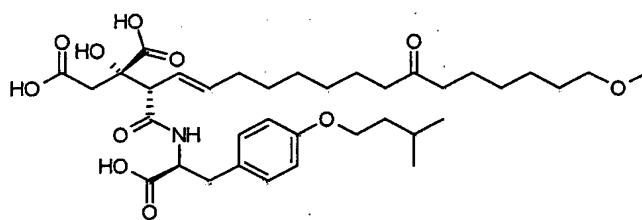
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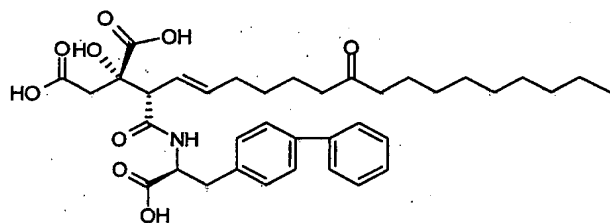
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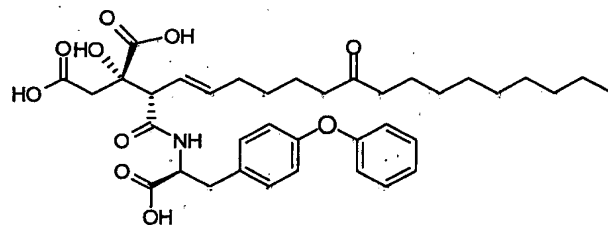
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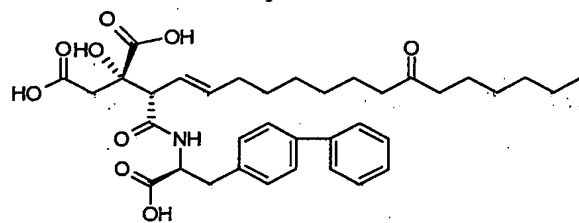
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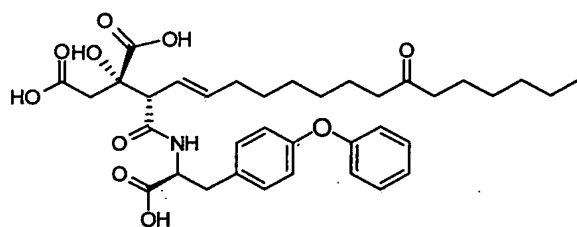
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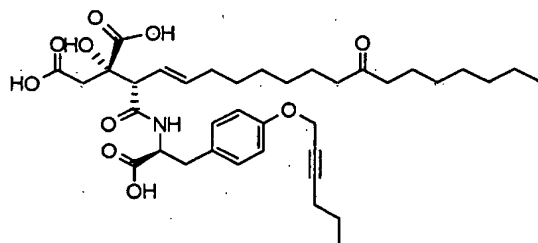
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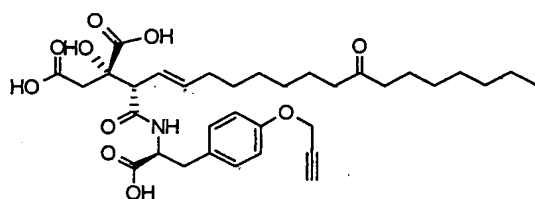
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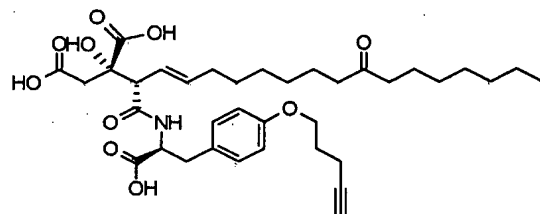
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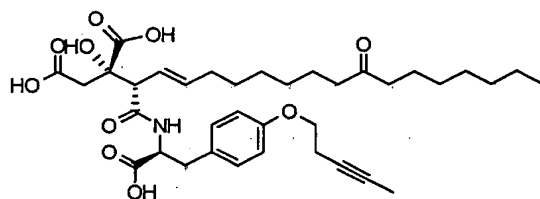
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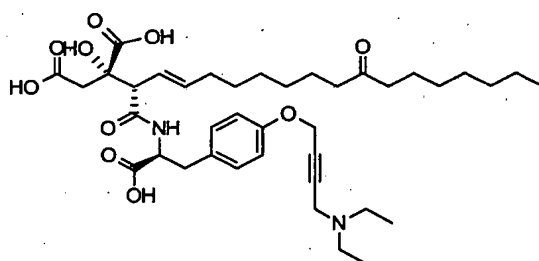
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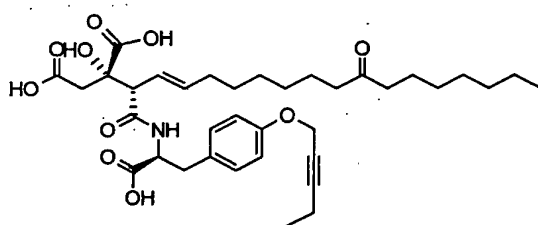
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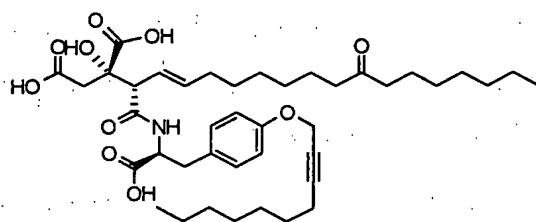
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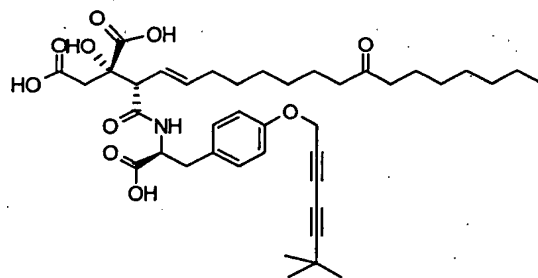
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Compound 109



Compound 110



Compound 111.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for treating an infectious disease caused by hepatitis C virus comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a pharmaceutical

composition comprising a compound according to claim 12, a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the infectious disease caused by hepatitis C virus is hepatitis C, cirrhosis, liver fibrosis or liver cancer.